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SUBJ: EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR'S ASSESSMENT RE HORN OF AFRICA

REF: CAIRO 3486

1. PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE CAIRO MARCH 25, EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR ABDUL AZIZ KHAIRAT TOLD ME AFTER TWO MONTHS IN MOGADISCIO HE INCLINED BELIEVE HIS PREDECESSOR'S END OF MISSION REPORT CHARACTERIZING SIAD AND HIS POLITBURO MEMBERS AS CARD-CARRYING COMMUNISTS WAS INCORRECT. KHAIRAT BELIEVES SIAD IS AND WILL REMAIN A NOMAD DEDICATED TO ACHIEVING HIS PEOPLE'S INTERESTS BY IDEALOGICAL SYSTEM BEST SUITED DEVELOP SOMALIA. ALSO BELIEVES SIAD STILL CONSIDERS HIMSELF CAPABLE MANIPULATING USSR REACH SDR'S SCIENTIFIC SOCIALIST GOALS HOWEVER, SIAD SUDDENLY FACING MORE SERIOUS PROBLEM HE HAD NOT BARGAINED FOR I.E., EPMG'S "APPARENT" OPENING TO USSR AND OTHER SCIENTIFIC SOCIALIST

DONORS' BLANDISHMENTS.

2. AFTER TWO MONTHS HERE KHAIRAT HAS NOT REACHED FIRM CONCLUSIONS ABOUT RECENT SIGNALS OR THEIR MEANING, THAT SIAD RECOGNIZES INCREASINGLY HIS NEED TO COURT MODERATE ARABS AND WEST WITH INCREASING ARDOR. AS EXAMPLE SIGNALS, HE CITED CALL ON HIM BY SENIOR CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER ON EVE HIS DEPARTURE WHO TOLD HIM SOMALIS REMAINED FIERCELY PROUD AND INDEPENDENT
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PEOPLE WHO ARE TRUE MOSLEMS BUT ONLY WEAKEST OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISTS AND LATTER WAS CONTRADICTORY TO HISTORY OF SOMALI CULTURAL AND PASTORAL DEMOCRATIC WAYS.

3. COMMENT: ABDUL AZIZ
IS CAREERIST AGED 50 WHO SPENT FIVE
YEARS IN MOSCOW IN FIFTIES, SOME TIME IN SIERRA LEONE IN

SIXTIES AND 1975/1976 IN BULGARIA. BELIEVE HE WILL HAVE ROLE
PLAY IN MFA ASSESSMENT OF HORN DURING HIS CONSULTATIONS PRIOR
TO AND FOLLOWING AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT. TIME PERMITTING, EMBASSY
CAIRO MAY WISH TOUCH BASE WITH HIM.
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